

**TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm**  
*Meeting held in the Parks & Recreation Building*  
*114 Benton Avenue, Winslow, Maine*

**AT 7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Roll Call**

Attendance was taken with the following Town Councilors present: Ben Twitchell, Jerry Quirion, Steve Russell, Patricia Ayer, Jeff West, Lee Trahan and Ray Caron.

Also Present: Interim Town Manager Paul Fongemie, Finance Director Tanya Groce, Assessor Judy Mathiau, Code Enforcement Officer Adam Bradstreet, newly hired and soon to be appointed Police Chief Leonard Macdaid, Police Captain Haley Fleming, newly hired and soon to be appointed Town Manager Erica Lacroix and Town Attorney Bill Lee. There were several residents who were also in attendance.

**2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

- None

**4. Communications**

- None

**5. Reports of Committees and Commission**

- a. Town Manager's Report
- b. Department Reports
- c. Finance Committee Report (Treasurer's Warrants)
- d. Financial Report

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve all reports presented by the Committees and Commissions; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tony Bernard requested more information on a solar farm. Mr. Bernard also spoke of flooding that was occurring in his backyard which is located on Frankwood Drive.
- Robert Fenton, who is a Waterville resident but owns five properties in Winslow, said he would be interested in the large piece of land the Town of Winslow will be selling.
- Several residents from the Marie Street subdivision spoke about their concerns with a zoning change in their neighborhood:
  - Ben Stafford said the neighborhood should not be rezoned.
  - Marcia Stetson stated she was opposed to the zoning change due to the impact it would have on her property and the neighborhood.
  - Sam Gath said he was not in favor of the neighboring property being changed to mixed zone use.
  - A resident who stated he lived in Dunbar Acres also stated he was opposed to the zoning change.

- A resident who stated they lived on Marie Street said the Town had not been honest about the potential zoning change. They further stated that contract zoning would be okay but anything else would be unacceptable.
- A woman who identified herself as Mrs. Brown said she wants the neighborhood to remain a residential zone. She said she has lived in her home for 57 years and would be opposed to any zoning change.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 4-2020:

An Amendment to the Winslow Zoning Map to Rezone the following Lot on Tax Map 13 Lot 115 from High Density Residential Zone to Mixed Use Zone.

Motion by Mr. Twitchell to reconsider Ordinance No. 4-2020; motion seconded by Mr. Quirion.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                       Y Jerry Quirion  
                       Y Steve Russell  
                       N Patricia West  
                       Y Jeff West  
                       Y Lee Trahan  
                       Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by a vote of 6-1

Motion by Mr. Russell to amend the motion by removing lots 87, 88 & 89 from mixed use; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan. Discussion followed. Property owner Steve Martin spoke and stated that he does not understand the confusion created by this rezoning request. Mr. Russell withdrew his motion. Discussion continued.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to table this item to the next meeting; Mr. Russell Seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Quirion withdrew his motion.

Code Enforcement Officer Adam Bradstreet stated that contract zoning could be an alternative to mixed use zoning. Discussion continued. Mr. Caron stated he was uncomfortable deciding at this time and suggested the Council wait before making any final determination.

Motion by Mr. Trahan to table Ordinance No. 4-2020 and to schedule a Special Town Council Meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss this matter; motion seconded by Mr. West.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                       Y Jerry Quirion  
                       Y Steve Russell  
                       Y Patricia West  
                       Y Jeff West  
                       Y Lee Trahan  
                       Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

2. Ordinance No. 5-2020:

Providing for: An Amendment to Ordinance No. 24-1972 Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV Public Cemeteries by replacing it with the attached Sections 2-21, 2-22, 2-23, 2-24 and 2-25.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve Ordinance No. 5-2020; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                      Y Jerry Quirion  
                      Y Steve Russell  
                      Y Patricia West  
                      Y Jeff West  
                      Y Lee Trahan  
                      Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

3. Order No. 18-2020:

Providing for the Sale of Tax Acquired Property.

Motion by Mr. West to approve Order No. 18-2020; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                      Y Jerry Quirion  
                      Y Steve Russell  
                      Y Patricia West  
                      Y Jeff West  
                      Y Lee Trahan  
                      Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

4. Order No. 19-2020:

Providing for: Authorization for the Interim Town Manager to prepare a quit claim deed which will allow the transfer of properties located at 150 China Road (tax map 16, lot 78-2) and China Road (tax map 16, lot 77) for taxes owed.

Assessor Judy Mathiau spoke to the Council about this item. She stated that Lot 77 was land locked and that no taxes were ever paid on either account; she noted that it was added to the Winslow tax roll three years ago.

Motion by Mr. West to approve Order No. 19-2020; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                      Y Jerry Quirion  
                      N Steve Russell  
                      Y Patricia West  
                      Y Jeff West  
                      N Lee Trahan  
                      Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

5. Order No. 20-2020:

Providing for: Authorizing up to \$1,902,000 of the Town’s General Obligation Bonds to finance Sewer and Stormwater Improvements known as RUS Bulletin 1780-27.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve Order No. 20-2020; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Roll Call: Y Ben Twitchell  
Y Jerry Quirion  
Y Steve Russell  
Y Patricia West  
Y Jeff West  
Y Lee Trahan  
Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

6. Order No. 21-2020:

Providing for: Authorization for the Tax Collector to sell 101 acres of tax acquired property on Maple Ridge Road (tax map 3, lots 3, 8-H & 8-1) with a minimum bid of \$85,000 and an easement from Farmland Trust.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve Order No. 21-2020; motion seconded by Mr. Russell. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Trahan to table Order No. 21-2020 and allow which Allow time for more information on this item; motion second by Ms. Ayer.

Roll Call: Y Ben Twitchell  
Y Jerry Quirion  
N Steve Russell  
Y Patricia West  
N Jeff West  
Y Lee Trahan  
N Ray Caron

Motion carried by a vote of 4-3

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Order No. 22-2020:

Providing for: Authorization for the Town Manager to sign the attached employment agreement with Leonard Macdaid (hereinafter called the “Chief”) to begin performing the services of Police Chief.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve Order No. 22-2020; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Roll Call: Y Ben Twitchell  
Y Jerry Quirion  
Y Steve Russell  
N Patricia West  
Y Jeff West  
N Lee Trahan  
Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

Motion by Mr. Russell to waive the second reading of Order No. 22-2020; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                     Y Jerry Quirion  
                     Y Steve Russell  
                     N Patricia West  
                     Y Jeff West  
                     N Lee Trahan  
                     Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

8. Order No. 23-2020:

Providing for: Authorization for the Town Manager to sell town owned property on Bellevue Street (tax map 21, lot 007).

Motion by Mr. Caron to amend Order No. 23-2020 by changing it to Resolution No. 42-2020; motion seconded by Mr. West.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                     Y Jerry Quirion  
                     Y Steve Russell  
                     Y Patricia West  
                     Y Jeff West  
                     Y Lee Trahan  
                     Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion by Mr. West to approve Resolution No. 42-2020 as amended; motion seconded by Mr. Russell.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                     Y Jerry Quirion  
                     Y Steve Russell  
                     Y Patricia West  
                     Y Jeff West  
                     Y Lee Trahan  
                     Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Russell to authorize the Town Manager to list this Property for sale; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                     Y Jerry Quirion  
                     Y Steve Russell  
                     Y Patricia West  
                     Y Jeff West  
                     Y Lee Trahan  
                     Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

9. Order No. 24-2020:

Providing for: The Acceptance of Halifax Heights as a Town Street which is located in the approved Halifax Heights Mobile Home Park (subdivision).

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve Order No. 24-2020; motion seconded By Mr. West.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                     Y Jerry Quirion  
                     Y Steve Russell  
                     Y Patricia West  
                     Y Jeff West  
                     Y Lee Trahan  
                     Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

10. Resolution No. 40-2020:

Providing for: Authorization for the Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters to notify the voters of this municipality of a Municipal Election for the Town of Winslow to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve Resolution No. 40-2020; motion seconded by Mr. Quirion.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                     Y Jerry Quirion  
                     Y Steve Russell  
                     Y Patricia West  
                     Y Jeff West  
                     Y Lee Trahan  
                     Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

11. Resolution No. 41-2020:

Providing for: The Town Council of the Town of Winslow to elect to participate in the MMA Workers' Compensation Safety Incentive Program.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve Resolution No. 41-2020; motion seconded by Ms. Ayer.

Roll Call:        Y Ben Twitchell  
                     Y Jerry Quirion  
                     Y Steve Russell  
                     Y Patricia West  
                     Y Jeff West  
                     Y Lee Trahan  
                     Y Ray Caron

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Heywood Road
  - Ms. Ayer stated that she would like permission to place a mobile home as temporary housing for a family that recently lost their home due to a fire. The property owner plans on rebuilding their home and the mobile home would allow them to continue living on their land. Mr. Russell said he would favor a two-year contract which would allow a mobile home on this site. Town Attorney Bill Lee said a public hearing would be required to allow this change. Mr. Caron said this topic would be added to the next Town Council Meeting.
  
- Grandview Permit
  - This discussion was cancelled.
  
- Campaign Signs
  - Mr. Fongemie said there had been recent issues with campaign sign being placed on town owned property. Local candidates were complaining about each other placing campaign signs on town owned property which could be considered an endorsement for a candidate. Mr. Fongemie said this may be brought back to the Council as an ordinance.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:00 p.m., motion Ms. Ayer to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Subsection 405(6) (A); Personnel Matters; motion seconded by Mr. West.

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

At 9:09 p.m., motion by Mr. Quirion to end Executive Session; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Motion carried by unanimous vote of 7-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. West to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Russell.

Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lisa J. Gilliam, Town Clerk